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Unified State Plan and Oncourse

The Unified State Plan stakeholders met on June 4th to develop indicators, outcomes and impacts for the objectives within the categories of Education, Citizenship and Community Development. We look forward to continuing through the development process for this living document. Please take a moment to view the updated information through Oncourse, via the website www.oncourse.iu.edu and share your thoughts. If you have problems accessing the website, please contact Amber Roos at the ICCSV or Michelle Tramm at IUPUI, her number is 317-278-3637.

ICCSV Welcomes Two Volunteers

The ICCSV is pleased to welcome two volunteers who will work with the staff on various projects. Joe Lamberti is recently retired from Butler University where he taught in the Department of Education for 21 years. Joe brings both a wealth of knowledge and experience to the ICCSV office. Joe will assist the ICCSV with the Unified State Plan. Tonya Schober is currently a student at the University of Indianapolis majoring in religion and marketing. Tonya's enthusiasm for service coupled with her knowledge of and experience working with volunteer organizations provides the Commission with a tremendous asset. Welcome Joe and Tonya!

2002 National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service

The 2002 National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service will be held in Salt Lake City Utah from June 9th – June 11th. The theme of this year's conference is "Sharing the American Spirit". The national conference is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service and offers an opportunity to meet with and learn from leaders of a broad range of citizen service programs across the country. The goal of this year's conference is to devise new and better ways to engage people more effectively in service that helps solve serious social problems, strengthens communities, and creates a "culture of responsibility". Attendees from Indiana will include Joe Smith and Karyn Romer from the ICCSV; Jim Perry and Lynn Coleman, ICCSV Board Members; Vernal Edwards and Jennie Muehlfield, Twenty-first Century Scholars; Nikki Eason, Peace Learning Center; Caryn Burton, IndyCorps; Keri Hunter and Kim Miller, Indiana Reading Corps; and Douglas Stant, Paul Ingle, Brad Wells, Diane Monroe, and Tammy LaFaucia, Indiana AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

Join Hands Day

The ICCSV in partnership with the SouthEast Neighborhood Development (SEND) is hosting a Join Hands Day event on Saturday, June 15, 2002, from 8:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. at various locations on Indianapolis' south side. Projects will include: light/heavy trash pick up, painting six houses, beautification projects in three area parks, a mural project, and more! The ICCSV invites youth and adults to participate. Volunteers should meet at 8:30 A.M. in the parking lot of the Indianapolis Police Department's South District Headquarters located at 1150 South Shelby Street. Lunch will be provided. Door prizes and free t-shirts will be given away. Join Hands Day is the only national day of service that specifically targets and develops relationships between youth and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Young people and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize, and implement the day's activities in their community. For more information, please contact Mr. Carey W. Craig, Program Officer at the ICCSV at (317) 232-2504, or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

Indiana AmeriCorps Summer Celebration is June 26 – 28, 2002

The Indiana AmeriCorps 2002 Summer Celebration is scheduled for June 26-28, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana. This event is a year-end celebration for the AmeriCorps members who have completed their term of service. The 3-day event will offer training sessions in the areas of Communication, Diversity, Work Styles, Asset Based Community Development, HIV/Aids, Resume/Interview Skills, Use of the Education Award and Taxation, and, Importance of Civic Responsibility. Members will also have an opportunity to make an impact in the Lake County community by completing service projects at several social service agencies. If you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please contact Karyn Romer at 317-233-0901 or toll free at 888-335-9490 or by e-mail at Kromer@dwd.state.in.us.

National Youth Summit

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with other federal agencies and national youth organizations, is sponsoring a National Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. The Summit will commence on Wednesday, June 26 and will conclude on Friday, June 28, 2002. The Indiana Youth Commission for Service and Leadership (IYCSL) has been invited to present on the topic "Redefining the Village: Building Youth Leadership through Service-Learning." For more information about the National Summit, please visit the web site at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html>.

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AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Funding Available

The ICCSV announces the availability of funds through the Corporation for National and Community Service to support a new Indiana AmeriCorps Promise Fellow program to begin in January of 2003. Promise Fellows mobilize communities to expand, strengthen, and invigorate efforts to deliver the Five Promises to children and youth across the State of Indiana. The five goals of America's Promise are 1) Ongoing relationships with caring adults--parents, mentors, tutors or coaches; 2) Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours; 3) A healthy start and future; 4) Marketable skills through effective education; and 5) Opportunities to give back through community service. Any nonprofit, local or state agency may apply for 5 AmeriCorps Promise Fellows engaged in strengthening community efforts in support of the five goals of America's Promise. Sponsoring organizations must provide for training, supervision and administration of the Promise Fellows. The Request for Proposals for the AmeriCorps Promise Fellow funding are available on the website at: www.IN.gov/iccsv or by or by e-mailing the ICCSV at iccsv@state.in.us to receive an application packet by mail. If you will be applying for the AmeriCorps Promise Fellow funding, please email the ICCSV to indicate your intent to apply. The proposal must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. to the ICCSV office on June 28, 2002.

Step into the Future – with Indiana 2016 – at the State Fair

If you've ever speculated what Indiana will be like on the state's 200th birthday in 2016, you'll enjoy working at the Indiana 2016 booth at the State Fair. Representatives from the Indiana Space Consortium, universities and high schools around the state will demonstrate their cutting edge developments—from robots to moon buggies, from computers to Rube Goldberg machines—in the "Made in Indiana" section of the Expo Hall August 7 – 18 this year. Universities participating include Purdue, IUPUI, Taylor University, Notre Dame, ISU, University of Evansville and IU School of Medicine. Perry Meridian, Kokomo, West Lafayette, Russiaville and Carmel will be among the high schools represented. Plan to attend, get a taste of Hoosier inventiveness and find out what's going on in communities around the state! Spaces for volunteers is limited, so please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503 or via email at bwood@dwd.state.in.us as soon as possible to sign up!

ICCSV Board Meeting July 11th

Commissioner Ed Levy will be hosting the ICCSV Board Meeting on July 11, 2002. The meeting will be held at the North Crowe Chizek office building. The ICCSV has invited the South Bend AmeriCorps program and other South Bend service partners to participate in the board meeting and give the board members information on their programs' initiatives via video conferencing from South Bend. We have much to discuss at this board meeting including voting on amendments to the by-laws, the pledge for newly installed members, and minutes. If you have questions regarding the location or the board meeting, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

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| Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service | June 9 – 12, 2002 |
| Join Hands Day | June 15, 2002 |
| Summer Celebration | June 26 – 28, 2002 |
| National Youth Summit | June 26 – 28, 2002 |
| AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Grant Application Due | June 28, 2002 |
| Indiana Unified State Plan for Service Submitted to Corporation | July 1, 2002 |
| ICCSV Board Meeting | July 11, 2002 |